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Would you know, whether  
you BELIEVE, and LIVE  
as a Christian ought to do,  
ask yourself these questions.

1. **D**O I believe in God?—Do I believe, that he is a Being of infinite justice, power, wisdom, and goodness?—that he made and preserves every thing?—that he is present every where at the same instant of time?—and knows all the thoughts and intentions of my heart?
2. Do I believe the holy scriptures to be the word of God?—and that they contain all things necessary to salvation?
3. Do I believe in Jesus Christ the son of God?—Do I believe in the history of him contained in the holy scriptures?—and particularly in that great article, that he suffered death for the sins of mankind?
4. Do I believe that God will assist me by his Holy Spirit?
5. Do I believe in a future state?—in the resurrection of the dead?—and in a last judgment?

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1. **I**S my *life* consistent with my *faith*?—that is, doth my faith govern my practice?—Doth my belief in the justice, and power of God make me reverence his laws, and afraid of offending him?—Doth my belief in his wisdom make me satisfied with my station in life; and give me patience and resignation in my distresses?—Doth my belief in his goodness excite me to love him?—and his my belief of his continual presence a check on the badness of my thoughts, words, and actions?—have I such a sense of my dependence on him, that I pray daily to him?—that I praise him for his mercies—implore his pardon for my sins—and beg his assistance in all my spiritual affairs—and his blessing in all my worldly concerns?—Do I go regularly to church, to pray to him in public, as well as in private?—and do I remember what I hear, and endeavour to live up to it?

2. Do I read the holy scriptures with an intention to improve my heart; and to obey the precepts which I find in them?

Do I learn from them, in the first place, to abstain from all wickedness?—from swearing; lying; drinking; cheating; envy; malice; lewd discourse, and actions; and every thing, which my own conscience tells me is wrong; and which the word of God tells me, is inconsistent with my salvation?—if I have been led into sin, do I immediately repent of it, and not suffer it to become habitual?

Do I likewise learn from the holy scriptures to do good as well as to avoid evil?—Do I love my neighbour as myself?—that is, am I as ready to do good to him, as to receive good from him?—and do I do to others, as I might reasonably desire them to

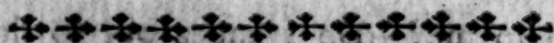




to do to me?—Do I endeavour to do my duty faithfully, whatever my station is, *as to the Lord, and not unto man?*

On the whole, do I find myself increase in goodness; that is, do I find I am getting the better of my bad habits; and do I feel a pleasure in obeying God, and in doing my duty?—knowing that the life of a Christian should always be advancing towards perfection.

3. While I am thus using my own best endeavours, do I trust in the merits of Jesus Christ for my salvation; and not in any thing that I can do myself?—Do I always, when I can, attend the holy sacrament, in obedience to our Lord's command, *Do this in remembrance of me?*—But do I constantly remember, not to expect salvation from the sacrament, or any thing else, not even from the merits of Christ's death, unless I lead a holy life?
4. Have I such an humble sense of my own weakness, that I endeavour to obtain the assistance of the Holy Spirit of God; knowing that without his assistance I can do nothing; and that his assistance is to be obtained only by prayer, and my own earnest endeavours?
5. Lastly, does my belief in a future state, and in the resurrection of the dead, raise my thoughts above this mortal life?—and does my belief in a last judgment, make me in earnest careful to prepare myself for it.



**O** Lord, who commandest me both to believe, and live as a Christian ought to do; assist me by thy blessed Spirit in obtaining that stedfast faith in Thee, that may govern all my actions—that I may stand in fear of offending Thee, from the consideration of Thy power, and justice—that I may love, and obey Thee, from the persuasion of Thy goodness—and that I may put my trust in Thee, and bear with patience every thing that befalls me, from a full assurance of Thy wisdom: that having thus endeavoured, through faith in Thee, to perform my duty in this world, I may be removed, in Thy good time, to a better, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

**O** Lord God, in whom I live, and move, and have my being, accept my praise, and thanksgiving for all Thy mercies to me, from the first moment of my birth, to this time. Pardon all my past offences; and grant that I may seek my happiness only in obeying Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

The Interest of the Poor,  
And their Duty is the same:

For

Sobriety brings Health; Industry yields Plenty;  
Honesty makes Friends; Kind Parents have good  
Children;

And

The Fear of God  
Draws down his  
*Holy Blessing.*

